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Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, applicants' undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following references. Copies of the references as well as Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are attached hereto. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

U.S. Patent No. 5,792,613 to Schmidt, et al. discloses Method for Obtaining RNA Aptamers Based on Shape Selection.

U.S. Patent No. 5,582,981 to Toole, et al. discloses Method for Identifying an Oligonucleotide Aptamer Specific for a Target.

U.S. Patent No. 5,817,785 to Gold, et al. discloses Methods of Producing Nucleic Acid Ligands.

U.S. Patent No. 5,756,291 to Griffin, et al. discloses Aptamers Specific for Biomolecules and Methods of Making.

U.S. Patent No. 5,861,501 to Benseler, et al. discloses Capped Synthetic RNA, Analogs, and Aptamers.

U.S. Patent No. 5,861,254 to Schneider, et al. discloses Flow Cell Selex.

U.S. Patent No. 6,093,555 to Dudycz, et al. discloses Amido and Peptido Modified Enzymatic Nucleic Acid Molecules.

Publication by Werstuck, et al. entitled "Controlling gene expression in living cells through small molecule-RNA interactions" Science (USA), Vol. 282 (No. 5387), p. 296(3), (October 9, 1998).

Publication by Burke, et al. entitled "A Novel Acidophilic RNA Motif That Recognizes Coenzyme A" Biochemistry (USA), Vol. 37, p. 4653-4663.

Publication by Leclerc, et al. entitled "A three-dimensional model of the Rev-binding element of HIV-a derived from analyses of aptamers" Nat. Struct. Biol. (Abstract only.)

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Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

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